GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING
LOK SABHA

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NON-FUNCTIONING OF FM/TV STATION AT DHARMAPURI, TAMIL NADU
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether FM Radio Station and TV relay station at Dharmapuri are not functioning ;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; (

(c) whether additional funds for about six crores is needed for the proper commissioning and functioning of the FM Radio Station at Dharmapuri; and

(d) if so, whether the Government have any plan to allocate requisite funds and staff strength to facilitate proper functioning of FM Radio Station and TV relay station at Dharmapuri in Tamil Nadu?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SMT. SUSHMA SWARAJ)

(a) to (d) : The TV relay Station at Dharmapuri is reported to befunctioning satisfactorily. A local radio station with 10 KW FM Tr. and Studios at Dharmapuri is under implementation. This project is expected to be completed within the proposed capital cost. No cost escalation is envisaged at this stage. Adequate staff strength is available for proper functioning of TV relay station.